

Even a year after we enacted health insurance reform legislation, there is still a lot of misinformation surrounding the new law.

In fact, Americans have more security in their health care, though many still may not even know it. A recent Kaiser Family Foundation poll showed that about 53 percent of Americans are confused about how the new health law will impact them.

One year after health reform became law, Wisconsinites are already seeing benefits.

- Every Wisconsinite with private insurance – about 3.6 million – no longer has a lifetime benefit cap.
- More than 300,000 Wisconsin children with pre-existing conditions cannot be denied coverage.
- Nearly 840,000 seniors in Wisconsin can get free preventive services like mammograms and colonoscopies through Medicare.
- More than 64,000 Wisconsin seniors in the Medicare Part D ‘donut hole’ are getting help to afford prescription drugs.
- Nearly 90,000 Wisconsin small businesses can get help to afford insurance for their employees.
- More than 13,500 young adults in Wisconsin can stay on their parents’ insurance until their 26th birthdays.

For more information on how the law is already helping Wisconsin, click [here](#) .

I want to share with you a recent report by Consumers Union, which publishes Consumer Reports. The report highlights what the new consumer protections mean for you and your family. This report is a concise review of many of the law’s benefits already in place. Read the full report [here](#) .

This is just the beginning. There will be new protections for women including banning insurance companies from charging women more for the same coverage as men. The law will reduce the number of uninsured Americans and likewise reduce the cost of uncompensated care, which will lower costs for all of us.

Reform isn't easy. There are parts of this law I wish were stronger. But, at the end of the day, this law will help nearly every American. The misinformation is still out there.